

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated January 10, 2007. In the Office Action:

1. Claims 2, 12 and 14 was objected to;
2. Claims 9 and 19 were rejected under 35 USC §112;
3. Claims 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b);
4. Claims 1-11, 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 USC §103;
5. Claims 12, 13, 15 and 16 were allowed; and
6. Claim 19 was indicated as allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the 35 USC §112 rejection.

By this Amendment, claim 14 is amended, and claims 1-11 and 17-21 are cancelled. Currently pending claims 14-16 are believed allowable, with claim 14 being an independent claim.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS:

Claims 2 and 12 were objected to because of typographical errors. By this Amendment, claims 2 and 12 are canceled. Although the objections are now moot, the Applicants thank the Examiner for spotting these errors.

Claim 14 was objected to because it should depend from claim 12 rather than from claim 1. Claim 14 is amended herein to depend from claim 12. The Applicants thank the Examiner for spotting this typographical error.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC §112:

Claims 9 and 19 were rejected under 35 USC §112 as improperly incorporating subject matter. By this Amendment, claims 9 and 19 are canceled and the rejections of claims 9 and 19 are moot.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC §§ 102 and 103:

Claims 1-11, 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 USC §103, and claims 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 USC §102. By this Amendment, claims 1-11, 17, 18, 20 and 21 are canceled. Therefore, the rejections of claims 1-11, 17, 18, 20 and 21 are moot.

ALLOWABLE CLAIMS:

Claims 12, 13, 15 and 16 were allowed in the Office Action.

Claim 14 is amended herein to depend on claim 12. Since claim 12 is allowable, claim 14 is also allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 14.

The Applicants reserve the right to pursue the canceled claims in a Continuation Application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the forgoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this case is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any points remain at issue that the Examiner feels could best be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to contact the attorney below.

No fee is believed due with this Amendment, however, should a fee be required, please charge Deposit Account 50-0510. Should any extensions of time be required, please consider this a petition thereof and charge Deposit Account 50-0510 the required fee.

Respectfully submitted,



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